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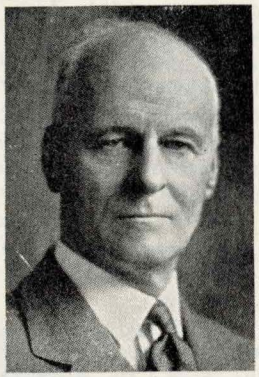
## Canadian and International Problems to be Considered at Public Affairs Institute This Year



DR. M. W. WALLACE

Dr. Malcolm W. Wallace, the Chairman, announces that a review and discussion of contemporary social problems will feature this year's meeting of the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs, which is to be held at Couchiching, August 17 - 24. Indications are that the program will attract one of the largest audiences ever to attend the annual summer conference of this organization. Seldom has there been more widespread interest in, and concern about, great public issues, than there is at present. As usual, the Institute Committee has focused its program on the current problems of greatest importance and has invited some of the most capable leaders on the continent to lecture on these topics.

The program for this year is divided into two main parts: First: Problems of World Security, under which heading there will be lectures and discussion of the atomic bomb; the United Nations Organization; the world food situation; the future of colonial empires; and Russia. The second phase of the program will deal with Canadian issues, with consideration of Dominion-Provincial Relations; Housing; Civil Liberties; Penal Reform; the Status of the Arts and Letters in Canada; Problems of Municipal Government; and Employer-Employee Relations. This list of topics suggests the breadth and scope of the Institute program and indicates why so many people find attendance at Couchiching the most effective way of keeping abreast of the times.

Among the speakers who have already accepted invitations to speak at the Institute are: Sir Frederick Puckle of the British Embassy in Washington; Dr. E. VanKleffens, Netherlands representative on the Security Council and member of the Commission on Atomic Energy of the United Nations Organization; B. K. Sandwell, editor of "Saturday Night"; George R. Patterson, Commercial Attache, Canadian Embassy, Washington; Kenneth W. Taylor, Co-ordinator, Foods Administration, Ottawa; K. C. Crawford, Director, Department of Municipal Government, Queen's University; Humphrey Carver, Director, Toronto Housing Research Project, and R. S. K. Seeley, Provost, Trinity College, University of Toronto.

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## Governor-General Patron of Y.M.C.A.

H. Jasper Humphrey, President of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., has announced that His Excellency Viscount Alexander has accepted the post of Patron of the National Council.

With his recent arrival in Ottawa, Canadians are just beginning to know the distinguished British military leader who has succeeded the Earl of Athlone as Canada's Governor - General. Canadian servicemen who served under him overseas were already familiar with his great qualities of leadership.

As Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, supreme allied commander, Mediterranean, Canada's new Governor-General won high honors as one of the war's most successful organizers of offensive action. But before he became the architect of victory in Africa, he went through two of Britain's bitterest defeats, the evacuation of Dunkirk and the retreat in Burma.

In November, 1944, he was made Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean theatre, and promoted to Field Marshal, after participating in some of the sternest actions of the war.

He was brought up in Northern Ireland, and at Harrow was an all-round athlete, and a champion long-distance runner. He is a first-class horseman and a firm believer in physical fitness. He speaks four or five languages. His hobby is water color painting. He was wounded twice in World War I, mentioned five times in dispatches, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, the Military Cross and the French Legion of Honor.

**National Council Annual Meeting — General Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls**
**October 6-7-8, 1946**

# Will Hold Ten Older Boys' Conferences

J. Hiles Templin

J. Hiles Templin, of Hamilton, chairman of the National Boys' Work Committee, announced this week that a series of 10 Older Boys' Leadership Conferences will be eously in 10 centres across Canada on November 9 and 10.

The centres selected for the Conferences are outside the larger cities, by special design. They are: Moncton, Cornwall, Peterborough, Kitchener, Chatham, Sudbury, Brandon, Saskatoon, Lethbridge and New Westminster.

It will be noted that in the centres chosen for the gatherings two Y.M.C.A.'s have been organized recently — Cornwall and Chatham. The Older Boys' Leadership Conferences will be the first major Y.M.C.A. event for these places.

The Conferences are planned for leaders and potential leaders in the 15 years and over group. They will include Hi-Y, Intermediate leaders' corps members, 'Teen Canteen leaders, camp counsellors, craft leaders and members of service corps.

Keynote speakers will be provided by the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. It is expected that at least 100 older boys will attend each Conference, 1,000 in all. Programme arrangements are under the direction of a planning committee headed by Gordon Sharpe, with adult members of the intermediate leaders' corps, 'teen-age canteens and Hi-Y.

Setting up of this series of Conferences recalls the successful Older Boys' Conferences of 25 and 30 years ago, when boys' work in Canada was given great impetus. The present Conferences, it is hoped, will recapture some of the great inspiration engendered at the earlier conclaves. Dates for the conferences are close to Remembrance Day (November 11). The theme of the gatherings, "Young Leaders, The Torch Is Yours," centres around how older boys can dedicate their lives to building themselves and others into better Christian citizens.

# Hi-Y Assembly Leaders Chosen

Leaders have been chosen for the Second Canadian Hi-Y Assembly, opening at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, August 25 and continuing until August 30. They include: Lloyd Welton, of Saint John, N.B.; Arn Fraser, of Ottawa; Grahame Watt, Bill Teager and Dave Nicolson, of Toronto; James Samson, of Chatham, and C. D. Forsyth, of Winnipeg.

Registrations are arriving at the National Council office of the Y.M.C.A. at a pace that indicates reaching the maximum registration of 100.

Theme for the Assembly is "Hi-Y Today and For the Years Ahead." The Assembly is open to any Canadian Hi-Y member or high school boy, preferably those who will be back at school in the fall of 1946. Any Hi-Y Club advisor or mentor, teacher or Y.M.C.A. secretary is also welcome. Some Hi-Y boys and leaders have been invited from the United States. Every delegate must be accredited by his own club. There are 135 Hi-Y clubs in Canada.

# Geneva Park Heavily Booked for 1946 Season

J. E. McCutcheon

With the exception of the single week from August 9th to August 17th, Geneva Park will be the scene of organized Conferences and Schools from July 6th to September 18th. The following assignments have been made:

Young People's Camp operated by Broadview Y.M.C.A., Toronto — July 6 to 20.

Ontario Conference of the Christian Endeavour Union — July 20 to 27.

History Refresher Course, Department of Education, Province of Ontario — July 29 to August 9.

Institute on Public Affairs — August 17 to August 24.

Y.M.C.A. Staff School, operated by the Personnel Department, National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s — August 24 to September 10.

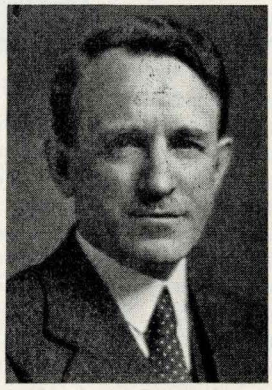
Second Canadian Hi-Y National Assembly — August 25 to August 30.

Student Christian Movement Council, Staff and Members' Conference—September 1 to 18.

J. E. McCutcheon, who will return to the Park as Resident Manager, reports that he is flooded with requests for family cottage accommodation. Fortunately, a large proportion of the student cabins, which are also equipped for family use, will be available this season, but even with these additional facilities, Mr. McCutcheon fears that he may have to disappoint a substantial number of families who wish to holiday at Geneva Park.

At the moment, the usual repairs and refurnishings are going on although there are no new building projects planned for this season.

# Staff School Courses



T. H. Hutchinson

The courses to be conducted at the Y.M.C.A. Staff School at Couchiching, August 24 to September 10, were announced this week by T. H. Hutchinson, secretary of the Personnel Services Department of the National Council Y.M.C.A. The courses are as follows:

Religion of Jesus — Dr. C. W. Bishop.

Principles of Christian Education—Dean H. F. Hall.

Knowing How the Y.M.C.A. Works — T. H. Hutchinson.

Group Work Supervision and Leadership Training — Murray G. Ross.

Program Specifics — 15 to 24 age group—Mel Chater.

Physical Education—Basic—Merl Harding.

Aquatics — Wes McVicar.

Specifics in Boys' Work — Nelson McEwen.

Administration — Clifford A. Schell.

Crafts — Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cook.

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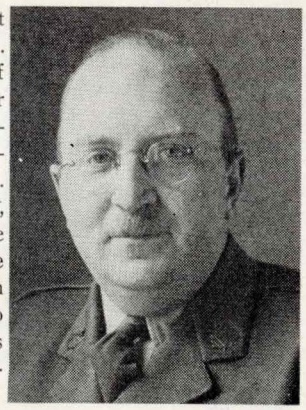
# Career Secretaries Return



W. J. G. MACDAIRMID

Appointment of W. J. G. Macdiarmid, of Montreal, senior overseas secretary of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services, as executive secretary of the Central Branch of the Toronto Y.M.C.A., was announced recently.

Greig Macdiarmid has been overseas since December, 1939. In July, 1945, he was appointed senior Y.M.C.A. officer overseas, succeeding Capt. Ed. Otter. While overseas, he married an English girl and they have one daughter. He will assume his new duties in the fall.

With the ending of Y.M.C.A. war services with the Canadian troops, Y.M.C.A. career men are now taking up their appointments in Canada. Among some of more recent of these appointments are:

W. C. Naylor, senior sports officer, Canadian Y.M.C.A. overseas, to Vancouver Y.M.C.A., physical director.

Norman Cragg, to Vancouver, as Senior Boys' Work Secretary.

J. C. Chisholm, to Vancouver, as Assistant Boys' Work Secretary.

Gordon Patrick, to Community Work in Vancouver.

George Singleton, to Toronto Broadview as Community Secretary.

D. C. Gorrie, to Montreal Central, as Boys' Work Secretary.

A. M. Kirkpatrick, out of the navy, to the General Secretary, Windsor Y.M.C.A.

Hamilton Gosse, out of the navy, to Windsor, as Boys' Work Secretary.

Norman Millington, to Montreal Central, as Membership Secretary.

R. D. (Dick) McDonald, to Halifax, as General Program Secretary.

Don Hills, to Winnipeg, as Building Boys' Work Secretary.

J. E. Girvan, to Toronto West End, as General Program; William Courtney, as Membership, and Sam Jacks, as Assistant Physical.

W. J. Holliday, to Montreal, as Religious Work Secretary.

Ralph Walden, to Edmonton, in charge of General Program.

Murray Shantz, to Niagara Falls, as Boys' Work Secretary.

J. C. McClenaghan, to St. Thomas, as General Secretary.

A. B. Clark, to Peterborough, as Assistant General Secretary.

J. G. Hadcock, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, as Program Secretary.

J. R. Hupfield, to General Program, at Montreal Southwestern.

John Gray, to General Secretary, at Acton.

Ken Genge to Owen Sound, as General Secretary.

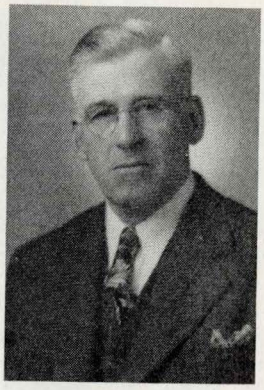
George Porteous, who spent three years as a prisoner-of-war in Hong Kong, is now Secretary of the Community Chest in Saskatoon.

Miss E. F. (Betty) Reynolds, a Y.M.C.A. War Services Hostess, to Montreal, N.D.G., as Women and Girls' Secretary.

## Maj.-General Vokes Commends Y.M.C.A.

The work of the four Canadian voluntary organizations during the war was a great factor for morale, Major-General Chris Vokes, G.O.C. the Canadian Occupation Force, told a final gathering of Auxiliary Services Personnel at Varel, Germany, recently. There might have been trouble without the fine services of the Canadian Legion, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus and the Y.M.C.A., General Vokes declared. "Thanks to your efforts in providing extra food, good entertainment, sports programs and other amenities, C.A.O.F. has been well behaved and cared for."

# New Transport Secretary



T. A. DIMOCK

T. A. (Ted) Dimock, newly appointed Secretary for Transportation, now becomes a new member of our National Council Staff. Having served in several supervisory Y.M.C.A. War Service capacities, including general staff Programme Secretary, he takes over his new duties with still a part-time responsibility for the counselling and rehabilitation of returning Y.M.C.A. War Service personnel. His new relationship now relieves A. M. Harding from the Transportation Department, which he has carried as Acting Secretary during the war years. Mr. Dimock started as a Y.M.C.A. Secretary at the "Lakehead," serving both in Fort William and at Port Arthur. In 1929 he moved to St. Thomas, Ontario, from which he entered War Service soon after the outbreak of war. Before joining the general staff he had extensive experience as a local secretary and in two area supervisory positions.

# Valued Layman Passes

MORRIS W. WILSON

In the recent death of Morris W. Wilson, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, Canada lost one of its most valued and distinguished laymen. Mr. Wilson was associated with the Y.M.C.A. throughout his whole adult life. He first joined the Association many years ago in Charlottetown, where he served the bank as a teller and later as an accountant. As the years went by he took a steadily increasing interest in the affairs of the Association and frequently paid tribute to the place it had in his own life.

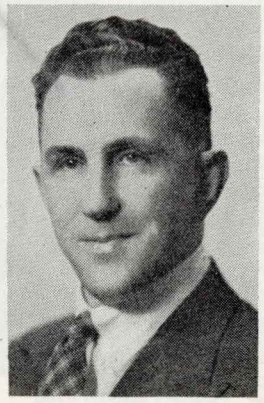
At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council a resolution of sympathy was passed and condolences were conveyed to Mrs. Wilson and family in their sad bereavement. The Metropolitan Board of the Montreal Y.M.C.A. also passed a resolution of sympathy, referring to Mr. Wilson's many helpful services to the Association.

He was for twenty-two years, and up to the time of his death, a member of the Metropolitan Board of Directors in Montreal, and a member of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada. He was also a valued member of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A.'s of North America and in this capacity gained a wide knowledge of the affairs of the organization and contributed much to its growth and usefulness.

During the war Mr. Wilson was naturally interested in the activities of the Y.M.C.A. both at home and overseas, and from the beginning of the war served on the National War Services Executive.

At his funeral, held in Montreal, when the National Council, an impressive tribute was paid to his memory and to the important service he had rendered as a great Christian Canadian citizen.

# Harding Reviews Six Years



MERL HARDING

To be an "acting" secretary for six years is an interesting and very valuable experience. One advantage is the alibi value. More interesting and useful is seeing the inside of another man's job and getting to know the people you find there. This has been my privilege as acting secretary of the Transportation Department, Canadian lines, during those long war years.

On occasion I had a feeling that we were pulling desperately upstream, managing only to keep abreast of the dock, but always my shipmates were wonderful fellows at the oars and my increasingly good friends. Many a pleasant evening I have spent with them in their homes and now and then in my own. As a member of the National Council staff, I shall always feel a special warmth for Railway Secretaries, and a great admiration. I know whereof I speak. They are men of valor and devotion. I am proud to have pulled in the same boat with them, even though mine was only an "acting" oar.

War years were not normal on railways nor in railway Y.M.C.A.'s. Most of our energies were devoted to the most superficial problems of management, finding food, finding cooks, finding janitors, finding waitresses. Having a small hand in this I had also to "find" some general secretaries. Counting back, without reference to records, it seems I was involved in some twenty-two major personnel changes. We sadly laid to rest four of our number during those six years. There was a long parade of assistant secretaries, and the list of cooks and such defies memory. Only some of their best and worst characteristics remain.

My privilege of working with and getting to know many railway officials was an outstanding experience of my "acting" relationship. I suppose most of them will never see me again, but I shall long profit by their example, their capacity for keeping informed in a multiplicity of directions, their sound counsel, and above all, their unfailing courtesy to one who was only an "acting."

# "Y" War Services at Khaki University

More than 100,000 callers seeking innumerable personal services have been dealt with at the information bureau of Khaki University of Canada overseas, John Arnott, director of the Department of Recreation, Khaki University, reports to the Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services. Prior to the opening of the University, the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Overseas was asked to organize a Department of Recreation providing facilities for social, recreational, athletic and sports activities for students and staff of the University.

Nearly 60 concerts and shows were presented to an estimated audience of 23,000. Forty-five thousand attended film shows provided by the Y.M.C.A. Total number of free cigarettes distributed was 1,200,000. Over 150,000 newspapers and periodicals passed over the counter. Books given away totalled 5,000; 300,000 sheets of writing paper were distributed without charge, also 100,000 envelopes, 650 packs of playing cards, 20,000 packets of matches, and 2,000 pieces of games equipment.

Other services rendered by the Canadian Y.M.C.A. at the Khaki Uniersity were: travel information, operation of a canteen, sight-seeing tours, getting tickets for the theatre, purchase of flowers to be cabled to relatives in Canada, hospitality in private homes, parcel wrapping service, shopping service, hospital visitation, dances, camera club, etc.

## Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services Slowly Diminishing

The war has been over a long time, but the Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services are still active, although the figures in the latest war services report to reach Canada are considerably lower than a year ago.

All Leave Clubs but those at York and Harrogate have been closed down. The Centre at Farnborough, Hants, which the Canadian Y.M.C.A. had used since March, 1940, has been turned back to the British Y.M.C.A. In six years it served some 6,000,000 men or to put it more accurately, it rendered 6,000,000 services.

On the Continent the Y.M.C.A. was as busy as ever, even though numbers were less. At Aurich and at Oldenburg Y.M.C.A. supervisors developed a complete and well-rounded Y.M.C.A. program.

## Camping

Camping offers to youth the opportunity to experience the unfolding of his highest aspirations and the toughening of his self-reliance in the presence of grandeur and inexorable law. For the youth, assistance is necessary in arousing his intelligent interest in the natural world. Camping provides this through the companionship of an older counseller more deeply versed in the language of nature, who can help him enrich his experiences, promote his understanding, awaken his enthusiasm and inspire his purposes in a greater degree than any formal studies.—*Y.M.C.A. News, Montreal.*

## Personnel Changes To May 22, 1946

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

James Carnie (re-entry), Assistant Physical, Toronto Broadview; A. M. Kirkpatrick (re-entry), General Secretary, Windsor; Art Knowles, Fellowship, London; Lawrence Marshall, Boys-Physical, St. Thomas; Norman Millington, Membership, Montreal Central; Walter Neale, General Secretary, St. Henri R.R.

### TRANSFERS

A. B. Clark, from Physical, Peterborough, to Assistant Secretary, Peterborough; Garrett Hadcock, from War Service, Supervisor, to Membership, Fort Wayne, Ind.; George Heggie, from War Service, Supervisor, to Program, Galt; D. D. Hills, from War Service, Supervisor, to Boys-Building, Winnipeg; R. D. McDonald, from War Service, Supervisor, to Program, Halifax; W. C. Naylor, from War Service, Senior Sports Director, to Physical, Vancouver; Keith Robinson, from War Service, Supervisor, to Men's Program, Counselling, Toronto Central; Robert B. Smith, War Service, Supervisor, to Community, Montreal Southwestern; Hugh Stevenson, War Service, Supervisor, to Physical, Fort William; W. E. Yard (Ted), from Boys-Building,

### RESIGNATIONS

Leonard Barnes, Physical, St. Thomas; K. B. Campbell, Program, Brantford, to General Insurance; Waverley Gant, Comm.-Boys, Winnipeg; Donald Lingwood, Counsellor, Toronto Metropolitan; J. H. MacQueen, Physical, Stratford; Oscar Pearson, Physical, Montreal, to Recreational Director, Toronto; Allan Reesor, Comm.-Boys, Winnipeg; G. B. Scott, Physical, Orillia; L. H. Siddons, Physical, Moose Jaw; J. W. Staples, Young Men's, Regina, to Recreational Director, Regina; David Strain, Physical, Winnipeg, to business; Ed. Waddington, Boys, Quebec, to business.



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